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ROSE LOUGH HIGGINSON (1787-1882) JANE TWEED HIGGINSON (1802-1890)

LT. COL. THOMAS HIGGINSON (1794-1884)

(From originals by Thomas Tweed Higginson, 1849)

SIGNATURE OF REV. THOMAS HIGGINSON, 1758

DESCENDANTS
OF THE
REVEREND THOMAS HIGGINSON

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*This Book is
Dedicated
In love and humility
To the memory of:*

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Thomas Higginson, M.P.
Lieut. Col. William Higginson
John Wellesley Higginson
Thomas Tweed Higginson
Esther Higginson Dandy
James Gordon Higginson
Henry Ahern Higginson, M.D.
Matilda Higginson Dilworth
George Edward Higginson
George Washington Higginson, D.V.S.
William Arthur Higginson
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INTRODUCTION

When I first became interested in the family history, about 1928, I ran into difficulty on the subject of Rev. Thomas Higginson's marriage. "The Landed Gentry of Ireland" recorded a gentleman by that name but he had married a Miss Moore and was the ancestor of a distinguished branch of the family, the Higginsons of Lisburn. It was not till I checked the records of Trinity College, Dublin, that I found the answer. There had been two Rev. Thomas Higginsons, and we were descended from the elder of them, born about 1700.

The great significance of this discovery was to establish the fact that Cairncastle was not the original home of our family in Ireland, but merely the place where our ancestor had been rector. The original home was Ballinderry, in the extreme south of County Antrim, and this is the place from whence all branches of the Irish family that I have traced come in the beginning.

When I went to Ireland in 1954 I was given invaluable aid by Major J. S. Higginson of Belfast, who is the authority on the Irish Higginsons. He is descended from Edward Higginson of Ballinderry, a trusted lieutenant of Viscount Conway, and his son-in-law Sir George Rawdon who managed the estates of the former in his absence. A chair given to Edward Higginson by Conway still exists and was one of the fascinating things seen by me on my visit to Ballinderry. Others were the datestones of "Mosslands", the old Higginson home, now in ruins (1668), and of "Woodbrook", still in good repair (1713).

The latter is of special interest to us as it was built by George Higginson. Major Higginson believes that Edward, Henry and George Higginson were brothers (or cousins). At any rate they were the ancestors of three branches of the family: his, the Higginsons of Nappin, and our own, respectively. George Higginson was the father of our ancestor, and his wife's name was Isabella. I believe that he died in 1744.

I have traced a connection between the Higginsons of Nappin and our own family for over two hundred years. The first record is the will of Henry Higginson of Nappin, dated 1747, which is witnessed by Thomas Higginson and Rose Wallace. This is doubtless the Rose Wallace named by our ancestor in his will as his sister-in-law. In 1775, in the will just mentioned, our ancestor named William Higginson of Nappin (son of Henry) as one of his executors. In 1819 on coming to Canada Thomas Higginson wrote a poem, "To the Infant Daughter of a Friend", who was Major John Higginson of the Nappin, son of William. ("Friend", as used here means "relative", as I found out in Ireland.) About 1845, Sir James Macaulay Higginson, secretary to Lord Metcalfe, who was then Governor General of Canada, visited our family in Hawkesbury, and contributed, on behalf of Lord Metcalfe and himself to the building fund of Trinity Church. In 1896, Alexander Tweed Higginson visited the eldest daughter of Sir J. M. Higginson in Ireland. (She was the mother of Mrs. Nesta Higginson Skrine, the immortal "Moirá O'Neill", and the heroine of what I shall always consider one of the tenderest and most pathetic scenes in history, when at the age of seven she read the scriptures daily to the dying Metcalfe.) And in 1954 I had the great privilege of visiting Mrs. Skrine, her son Commander Charles Skrine, and his wife, at Ballyrankin House—a visit which will ever live in my memory, and of which the portrait of Lord Metcalfe, so generously given me then, will be a constant reminder. (I hope some day to publish a short paper on Lord Metcalfe which will attempt in some small degree to do justice to the memory of a man who has never been appreciated at his true worth by the people of Canada, although defended by one of our greatest men, Egerton Ryerson, in a famous series of letters, and spoken of as follows by one of our great historians, W. P. M. Kennedy, "He was the greatest United Empire Loyalist in Canadian history. He stands among the foremost men in history in disinterested duty and in noble conceptions of responsibility.")

The question of the earlier history of our family is of great interest. Major Higginson believes they came originally from Claybrooke in Leicestershire, England, and are thus related to the American family whose history was compiled by Thomas Wentworth Higginson, under the title, "Descendants of the

Reverend Francis Higginson"—the book, incidentally, on which my own is modelled. I visited Claybrooke in 1954 and was awed by the fact that Rev. John Higginson had begun his ministry there almost four centuries before (1571). He had a son Nathaniel, who was "owner of a castle in Ireland, but lost it in the Rebellion." (Probably that of 1641.) Perhaps we are descended from him. Col. William Higginson thought this probable and wrote to Thomas Wentworth Higginson about it.

But even Claybrooke, of course, can not have for us the deep significance of Cairncastle. I attended Holy Communion there and was deeply moved by the feeling that my old ancestor was present in the spirit. I felt there should be some memorial to him and on my return to Canada interested some other members of the family. The plaque was unveiled by the Bishop of Connor in 1955. Those who contributed, in addition to my wife, and myself, were :

Maria Adelaide Higginson

Clifford Gladstone Higginson

William Higginson Dandy

Mrs. Frances Swan and her sister Mrs. Morrison

To describe the situation of the Church, I quote from Rev. Classon Porter : " The Church of Cairncastle is most beautifully and romantically situated. Nestling under the Sallagh Braes, with Knockdhu and the Skatt Hill in the background, and the bold headland of Ballygally in the front, its situation is all that could be desired for a country Church ; and the simple grandeur of the surrounding scenery harmonizes well with the sacred character of the place.

Connected with Cairncastle Church is an ancient burying-ground where " the rude forefathers " of the Parish sleep, and a quieter resting place man could not wish to have. It comes up to all our ideas of a country churchyard ; and even a casual visitor, as he stands amongst its rustic graves, and gazes upon the glorious landscape which is there spread before him, must instinctively breathe a prayer that, after " life's fitful fever ", he may be laid in such a peaceful and secluded spot." It is interesting to note that Rev. Porter is buried in the Churchyard.

The " glorious landscape " he mentions is no exaggeration. I could well believe that only the hardest of hard times could

have driven our ancestors to leave their home, which I located after some effort through the words "wee park" in the will of 1806—it was the only "wee park" in Corkermain townland.

I have copies of the deeds of 1758, when it was acquired from James Tullus—so that this is the two hundredth anniversary of its purchase—and of 1817 and 1819 when the four brothers sold out just before leaving for Canada. (Incidentally the lease of 1758 is the only one showing our ancestor's full signature—no doubt the only one in existence.)

The only printed reference to him I have found in Rev. Adam Clarke's autobiography (1833). (He was a famous scholar and Methodist minister, related to us through the Boyds.) He says Archibald Boyd's sister married "the Rev. Mr. Higgison (Sic), rector of Larne, in whose family that rectory still continues." This is erroneous, but interesting.

Finally, I wish to thank those who have helped; my wife, first of all, without whose sympathy and encouragement the book could not have been written; my guarantors and subscribers, who have so magnificently proved to me that the family was worthy of my work; and last but not least, my secretary, Miss Marjorie Reynolds, who has done such a good job with the typescript. I have tried to exercise great care as to names and dates, but all too often had no response to letters asking for verification, and in such cases can assume no liability. I hope the good old custom of using Higginson for a middle name continues—I commend it to my feminine cousins. I hope too that the project of a family reunion may yet be brought to a successful conclusion. I invite correspondence from interested readers and will send any who ask a copy of the article on "Moirá O'Neill in Alberta" which I wrote for the *Alberta Historical Review*. Some day I may see realized my ambition to open a Memorial Museum to those of our family who have passed on.

In conclusion, may I quote from the work of a man I hope to see recognized some day as one of the pioneer writers of our country, Col. Thomas Higginson, who one hundred years ago wrote the following for the "Economist", a new weekly paper. It is called "The Launch" and is perhaps not inappropriate here.

Out on the ocean wide,
 Out on the restless sea,
 I have launched my barque, whate'er betide
 My humble craft and me.

I have braced up jib and sheet,
 I have spread each swelling sail;
 And block and cordage and shroud repeat
 The song of the passing gale.

With the anchor of hope at her bow,
 And the tiller of truth in my hands,
 She makes her course with a flashing prow
 To the havens of other lands.

At her peak the banner flows
 That has battled many a gale;
 And yet a shot in her locker for those
 Who would rudely her path assail.

She will gather from sunny shores
 Their harvests ripe and sweet;
 She will scatter her wealth at the poor man's door,
 Her gems at the rich man's feet—

She will glorious tidings bring
 Of the deeds of the good and the brave;
 The scorn of the free she will proudly fling
 On the tyrant and the slave.

To whatever clime she may go,
 Where'er her course may be found,—
 Let us give a hearty yo heave O
 For the barque that is outward bound.

DESCENDANTS
OF THE
REVEREND THOMAS HIGGINSON

FIRST GENERATION

1. REV. THOMAS HIGGINSON.

On June 5, 1718, there entered Trinity College, Dublin, one Thomas Higginson, aged 18, son of George, 'Colonus', born in Ballinderry, Co. Antrim. (*Alumni Dublinenses*, the great catalogue of graduates of Trinity College, Dublin, states: "Cultor, Agricola, and Colonus are used alike for a farmer of a few acres and a country squire of great possessions.") He had been a pupil of the well known Dr. Clarke of Lisburn. He must have been a student of some distinction, as in 1720 he was elected to a foundation scholarship. In 1722 he obtained the B.A. degree.

It is difficult to trace his career in the Church of Ireland, as all the pertinent records were destroyed in 1922. However, thanks to the kindness of His Lordship, the Bishop of Connor, a kindness hereby most gratefully acknowledged, some light has been thrown on it. He was curate of Tickmacrevan (Glenarm) in 1728, and Curate of Cairncastle from 1731 to at least 1768 (Vestry Book). In 1766-7 according to a letter received from the Rector of Larne in 1927, he was also Perpetual Curate of Larne.

Our tradition is that he married Mary Boyd, daughter of Archibald Boyd, and this is supported by the reference in the autobiography of the Rev. Adam Clarke, mentioned in the Introduction.

In 1758 he obtained a grant of lands in Corkermain from James Tullus, and in his will, dated March 31, 1775, he left these to his sons William and Boyd.

I believe that we can accept 1775 as the year of his death, as the signature on his will seems that of a dying man, and it was

apparently the custom to defer making a will till almost the last moment, in those days. Believed buried at Cairncastle.

Children :

2. JUDITH, born about 1739
3. BOYD, born 1745 (Traditional date)

William, mentioned in wills of 1775 and 1806; also in leases of 1796, 1812, and 1819. In the latter year he was living at Glenavy with his wife Barbara. I am trying to discover if they had a family, and if so, whether there are any descendants.

SECOND GENERATION

2. JUDITH HIGGINSON, born about 1739, died Feb. 3, 1801, married Hugh Young, born about 1727, died August 22, 1799. She and her husband are buried at Cairncastle where a well preserved tombstone marks their resting place. Her husband was left forty pounds in the will of 1775.

Child (Young).

Thomas, born about 1767, died July 5, 1818.

An executor of his uncle Boyd's will, 1806.

3. BOYD HIGGINSON, born 1745, died 1806, married Jane Crawford, daughter of William and Mary (Young) Crawford, died May 31, 1819.

An executor of his father's will. He was left half the farm, and in 1796 leased the other half from his brother William. In his will he divided it among his four sons. Believed buried at Cairncastle.

Children :

Jane, born 1776, died May 30, 1860; married 1820 June 24, William Holliday, veteran of Corunna, who died July 28, 1856, aged 76.

Always referred to by my grandfather as "Aunt Holliday". "A mother to her brother John's orphan children", he notes in his diary, at the time of her death, "for which she has their lasting respect."

4. John, born 1780
5. George, born 1783
6. William, born June 8, 1788
7. Thomas, born Jan. 9, 1794

THIRD GENERATION

4. JOHN HIGGINSON, born 1780, died Sep. 9, 1819; married Eliza Sheriff.

Died of ship's fever contracted on board the "Pitt", and is believed to have been first person buried in Cassburn Cemetery. In Trinity Church, Hawkesbury, is a memorial erected by his two surviving children, Thomas and Nancy, in 1848.

Children :

- 8. Nancy, born Oct 6, 1805
- 9. Eliza, born 1808
- 10. Thomas, born 1810

5. GEORGE HIGGINSON, born 1783, died 1866, married Rose Lough, born 1787, died 1882.

He was always referred to as "Burnside", from the name of his farm in West Hawkesbury (perhaps named from a farm neighbouring the old home in Corkermain.) The foundation of his home still exists, quite close to that of "Fountain Tweed" (see next entry).

He was the first of the brothers to emigrate, coming out in 1817. He took passage to Baltimore, but an accidental delay brought him to Canada. (This is noted in my grandfather's diary for August 12, 1883, on the occasion of a visit to his Uncle Thomas at Vankleek Hill.) It is interesting to speculate on the difference this change of plan may have meant to the family!

Children :

- 11. George, born March 29, 1811
- 12. Rosemary, born November 21, 1813
- John, born August 4, 1816
- 13. Mathilda, born February 4, 1818
- 14. William, born November 12, 1820
- Esther Jane, born February 20, 1822
- Euphemia, born December 8, 1824
- Thomas, born July 7, 1827,
died August 4, 1850
- Ann Jane, born February 4, 1829
- Charlotte, born April 15, 1831
- Charles, born September 7, 1834,
died September 20, 1864
- 15. Samuel Boyd, born December 13, 1838

6. WILLIAM HIGGINSON, born June 8, 1788, died December 16, 1871; married April 20, 1819, Jane, daughter of Thomas and Esther (Dickey) Tweed, born March 28, 1802; died February 19, 1890.

He worked for Hamilton Bros. in Hawkesbury when he first came here in 1819, and a dam built by him still exists. In 1821 he settled at "Emerald Hill", now the home of the family of the late Samuel Darwin Stevens, son of Jane Crawford Higginson and farmed there for half a century.

His wife's parents were induced by her to come to Canada in 1820, and settled nearby, at "Fountain Tweed". The Tweed family connection is of great interest. When cousin E. C. Beer and I were in Ireland in 1954 we were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. James Carmichael Tweed, prominent residents of Ballygally, very near Cairncastle. Mr. Tweed remembered visits from Alexander Tweed Higginson, and signed photos of Mr. J. C. Tweed, sent to the latter, are in my possession now.

The owner of "Fountain Tweed" to-day is Miss Janie Sproule, to whom I owe a great debt for help received.

Children :

- Jane, born October 1, 1820; died November 8, 1820
- 16. Ellen, born November 15, 1821
- 17. William, born March 14, 1824
- 18. John Wellesley, born August 29, 1826
- 19. Thomas Tweed, born August 31, 1828
- 20. George Hamilton, born November 7, 1830
- 21. Jane Crawford, born February 17, 1833
- 22. Esther Dickie, born April 12, 1835
- 23. Charles Tweed, born February 12, 1838
- 24. James Gordon, born February 23, 1840
- 25. Alexander Tweed, born Dec. 23, 1842
- 26. Mary, born July 13, 1845

7. Lieut.-Col. THOMAS HIGGINSON, born January 9, 1794, died January 22, 1884; married April 24, 1819, Nancy Park, born January 15, 1798; died March 2, 1854. Thomas Higginson was a Justice of the Peace, Lieutenant Colonel in the Militia, school commissioner, and author. My grandfather's diaries contain many references to him—all affectionate and admiring. On his death in 1884 the well known Canadian

poetess "Norah" (Mrs. McDougall) wrote a poem, "Another Pioneer Gone", which will be found in the appendix.

Children :

27. John, born April 30, 1820
 William, born January 15, 1822;
 died January 21, 1905.

He was always referred to as the "Colonel", having attained that rank in the Militia. He was commissioned lieutenant in the 2nd Prescott Regt. April 23, 1839. He was a man of wide literary and scientific interests and established what was probably the first private observatory in Eastern Ontario, which still exists.

- Jane, born May 16, 1824; died August 5, 1853.
 Ann, born September 28, 1826;
 died October 21, 1887

Left money for the publication of "Poetry and Prose". Took care of her father in his old age.

- Thomas, born November 21, 1829;
 died May 25, 1868.

Co-author of "Poetry and Prose".

28. James, born November 14, 1831
 George Noel, born August 24, 1833;
 died January 21, 1900
 Samuel, born October 2, 1835;
 died January 14, 1836
 29. Eliza, born June 24, 1837
 Mary, born February 2, 1840;
 died May 20, 1876
 30. Henry, born August 12, 1842

FOURTH GENERATION

8. NANCY HIGGINSON, born October 6, 1805, died October 15, 1897; married Henry Walker, born May 8, 1798; died April 7, 1880. Her identity as the "Granddaughter Ann" of Boyd Higginson's will was discovered by her great-grandson, E. C. Becr, during a visit to Finch in August, 1953. He discovered in the 1851 census records in the Archives at Ottawa, that she was listed as Ann Walker.

Children : (Walker)

Jane, married Andrew Fraser, June 6, 1850. A daughter of this marriage, Annie Higginson Fraser, was married, June 16, 1875, to Thomas McOuat of Lachute.

Margaret, born about 1830

John, born about 1831, married Eliza Esdon. She and her son, John Higginson Walker, born October 1, 1868, were drowned in the Rouge River, June 1, 1874.

Henry, born about 1832

Thomas, born about 1835

Eliza, born about 1840

Mary, born about 1845 ; married W. J. McWaters.

One of their children was Harry Walker McWaters (1878-1901) whose brilliant career as probably the youngest editor in Canada (of the Hawkesbury "Post" 1899) was cut short by his tragically early death in 1901. His sister Eleanor married Dr. E. C. Beer. Their four children were Marjorie (now Mrs. R. W. Wood, of Toronto); Eleanor (now Mrs. C. F. Sanderson of the same city); Harry McWaters (now principal of Pickering College, Newmarket) and Charles (now of Kingston, where we recently enjoyed a visit with him and his charming Irish bride). To Charles I owe the inspiration for the trip of 1954, and hereby pay tribute to his wide knowledge of, and great interest in, the family history.

9. ELIZA HIGGINSON, born 1808, died 1841, married 1st, February 23, 1827, William Hall; married 2nd Duncan McDonald.

One of the most romantic figures in our history.

Children : (Hall)

Jane born about 1828, died May 12, 1890; married Angus McDonell, August 29, 1850. One of the daughters of the marriage, Norah, married William Lumsden, son of Rev. W. G. Lumsden, M.A., and was mother of Mrs. Frances Swan, who has been so helpful in this history.

Mary Ann had a son James Higginson Doyle.

Children : (Mac Donell)

Eliza, born October, 1837; died September, 1920; married May 24, 1859, Dr. William Harkin. Youngest of eight children of this marriage was James Bernard Harkin, born 1875,

died January 27, 1955, who was the first Commissioner of Parks for Canada, 1911-36.

Isabella, died January 23, 1901; married Hon. W. C. Wells.

Maria, died 1904; married Henry Wells.

10. THOMAS HIGGINSON, born 1810, died 1896; married November 1831, Margery, daughter of Elijah and Sally Ann (Waters) Brown, born about 1811, died September 13, 1872; married 2nd, May 28, 1873, Lucy, daughter of William and Harriet (Sandford) Hayes, died April 16, 1874; married 3rd, April 15, 1875, Mary Ann Hayes, sister of Lucy, born about 1827, died September 27, 1910.

At an early age he entered the employ of the Hamilton Bros. He was M.P. for Prescott 1863-1867. A letter from Thomas D'Arcy McGee supported his election. In the Archives at Ottawa is preserved his marriage bond, dated November 14, 1831, with an accompanying letter from his father-in-law, then Captain, later Lt. Col. in the first Regiment of Prescott Militia, giving his consent to the marriage.

Children :

- 31. John, born September 9, 1832
- 32. Thomas Sheriff, born March 8, 1834
- Charles, born June 1, 1836; died young
- Jane, born November 28, 1839; died young

11. GEORGE HIGGINSON, born March 29, 1811; died about January 2, 1893; married, September 21, 1846, Harriet, daughter of Samuel and Anne (Whitcomb) Stevens, born about 1820; died July 6, 1852.

Left "Burnside", 1874, and went out West.

Children :

- George, born about 1848; died January 6, 1854
- 33. Samuel Charles, born about 1850
- 34. Harriet, born 1852

12. ROSEMARY HIGGINSON, born November 21, 1813; married December 1833, Donald McCaskill. They settled in the Township of Ross, Renfrew County. Before her marriage she was a school teacher; was still teaching about 1835. In my

possession is an old copy book, dated 1832, which belonged to Malcolm McCaskill, who may have been a pupil of hers.

Children : (McCaskill)

Kenneth

George Higginson, born November 11, 1836; died May 27, 1915, married, August 25, 1868. A son of this marriage, George Higginson McCaskill, lives at Crossfield, Alberta, and sent me information about his father.

Donald

Mary, married 1858, Walter Findlay

13. MATHILDA HIGGINSON, born February 4, 1818; married January 22, 1850, Robert Lusk.

Child (Lusk)

Margaret

14. WILLIAM HIGGINSON, born November 12, 1820, died May 8, 1910; married May 13, 1850, Mary, daughter of Capt. William and Mary (Dudderige) Byers, born about 1825, died January 8, 1892.

Was always called William 'Thorn', from his farm "Thornside". From 1878 to about 1912 he lived at Lake view, P.Q., whence he moved to Stanstead, P.Q.

Children :

35. Thomas William, born February 18, 1851

36. Mary Dudderige, born August 25, 1854

37. Rose

38. Ann, born January 21, 1859

39. Matilda Ethel, born November 3, 1860

40. George Edward, born January 10, 1863

41. William Charles, born April 7, 1865

Elizabeth Faith, born August 12, 1869; died young

Ellen Hope, born August 12, 1869; died young

15. SAMUEL BOYD HIGGINSON, born December 13, 1838; died about 1900. Married Rebecca Heron.

Child : Percy

16. ELLEN HIGGINSON, born November 15, 1821, died 1915; married May 3, 1849, William Edward Nelson, son of Capt. William and Mary (Dudderige) Byers, born about 1819. They

lived at Fenham Farm, where they celebrated their Diamond Wedding in 1909.

Children : (Byers)

William Higginson, born June 10, 1850

Eliza Clarkson, born June 12, 1852

John Alexander born March 2, 1854

Richard Dudderige, born July 10, 1856

George Hamilton, born December 10, 1857

Charles Edward, born November 12, 1860

Jane Dickey Tweed, born March 10, 1863

William Higginson Byers married Jane Reveler. A daughter of this marriage was Ellen Higginson Byers, born April 30, 1877.

Eliza Clarkson Byers married George Smith October 13, 1875. A daughter of this marriage was Ellen Higginson Smith, born May 20, 1881.

Richard Dudderige Byers married Ellen Smith. Children of this marriage included Charles Higginson Byers, born May 24, 1891, and Eleanor Higginson Byers, born October 24, 1895.

17. WILLIAM HIGGINSON, born March 14, 1824; died February 6, 1912; married January 30, 1856, Margaret, daughter of Andrew and Agnes (Menzie) Allison, born February 9, 1832, died September 26, 1872.

Children :

43. Andrew Allison, born October 9, 1857

Agnes Rachel, born December 19, 1858,

died December 17, 1941

Albert George, born September 23, 1859, died 1949

44. Jane Mary, born February 12, 1862

Herbert, born 1865, died August 5, 1900

45. Clara, born March 21, 1869, died April 25, 1937

18. JOHN WELLESLEY HIGGINSON, born August 29, 1826, died 1909; married May 6, 1862, Janet, daughter of Andrew and Agnes (Menzie) Allison, born July 3, 1838, died December 30, 1928. Architect and restorer of Trinity Church, Hawkesbury. Reeve of Hawkesbury eleven years and Warden of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. Instrumental in founding Hawkesbury High School in 1872.

Children :

- Ellen, born September 9, 1863; died July 21, 1872
 Allison Andrew, born September 21, 1866;
 died September, 1936
 William Arthur, born October 25, 1868;
 died November 7, 1872
 John, born 1871; died July 30, 1873
 Bertha, born January 1, 1874
 46. Agnes Menzies, born April 10, 1876
 47. Garnet Wolseley, born November 14, 1878
 48. William Gordon, born January 19, 1883

19. THOMAS TWEED HIGGINSON, born August 31, 1828; died 1903; married 1st, March 19, 1857, Mary Rachel, daughter of Andrew and Agnes (Menzies) Allison, born 1834, died January 5, 1864; married 2nd, December 29, 1869, Margaret, daughter of George and Margaret (McVean) Owens, born September 3, 1850, died 1937.

Lived at Welby Farm. Kept a diary now being edited by the author of this history, which reveals his kindly, serene, and intellectual nature. He was active in the formation of the 18th Battalion and held the Captaincy of Company No. 1 till the Battalion was disbanded. For many years a school Board member, and assessor for the town Corporation of Hawkesbury.

Children :

Maria Adelaide, born March 26, 1871. An outstanding teacher, who was awarded a Coronation medal in 1937, in recognition of her long service, and in addition a nobly unselfish nature, to whom her niece and nephews, among a multitude of others, owe more than they can ever repay. Her knowledge of the family history is unexcelled, and she is recognized by all branches as "Head of the Clan".

49. William Arthur, born May 8, 1873
 50. George Owen, born August 25, 1875
 51. Robert Randolph, born August 11, 1877
 52. Thomas Doyle, born August 21, 1881.

Jane Crawford, born December 2, 1883, married Rollo Smith. Lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., till her husband's death, since when she has lived in Hawkesbury with her sisters.

53. Anna Emily, born February 8, 1887

20. GEORGE HAMILTON HIGGINSON, born November 7, 1830, died August 13, 1900. Married November 15, 1860, Amelia Harriet Taylor, born December 24, 1842; died May 31, 1898. Spent part of his early life in New Zealand as a miner.

Children :

- 54. Ernest Gordon, born October 2, 1861
- 55. Kate Helena, born July 1863
Charles Bartlett, born October 1, 1865;
died December 9, 1927
William Edwin, born September 18, 1867;
died March 10, 1942
- 56. George Washington, born September 19, 1869
- 57. James Alexander, born May 28, 1871
- 58. Darwin Stevens, born November 18, 1873,
died September 10, 1946
Thomas Pedley, born March 11, 1876,
died August 13, 1952
- 59. John Bright, born April 11, 1878,
died October 21, 1935
- 60. Clifford Gladstone, born November 28, 1881
Alexander Moody, born April 15, 1883,
died November 12, 1912
Hugh Boyd, born January 9, 1887;
died November 14, 1950

21. JANE CRAWFORD HIGGINSON, born February 17, 1833, died June 29, 1920; married August 28, 1861, Darwin, son of Samuel and Anna (Whitcomb) Stevens; born October 24, 1824, died July 1888.

Lived in Montreal, later at Ravenswood and Emerald Hill.

Children : (Stevens)

- Jane Tweed, born November 1862, died July 3, 1897
Married George Hamilton Byers, December 26, 1894
Anna Whitcomb, born June 30, 1865,
died February 28, 1928,
married George Edward Higginson, February 14,
1895
- Ellen Mary Higginson, born August 23, 1867, died
July 6, 1932; married Donald O'Brien,
September 19, 1901.

Samuel Darwin, born October 28, 1870;
died November 17, 1951.

Married Helena Maud Sproule.

Harriet Mary, born July 11, 1875; married Dr.
Harold Clarke, April 20, 1910.

22. ESTHER DICKIE HIGGINSON, born April 12, 1835; died 1911; married February 22, 1860, James, son of John and Lucy (Hayes) Dandy, born September 25, 1828; died July 28, 1930. "One of Manitoba's pioneer gentlewomen—a dear lovable woman—so capable—as wife and mother—true daughter of Jane Tweed", wrote one of her nieces. One of the most outstanding women the family has produced.

Children: (Dandy)

Jane Tweed, born January 31, 1861,
died January 6, 1946.

Married August 15, 1882, John William McCutcheon, born October 17, 1853, son of Charles and Susan (Rothwell) McCutcheon. A son of this marriage was James Dandy McCutcheon, whose oldest daughter, born September 24, 1911 was Esther Higginson McCutcheon.

John Ferguson, born March 20, 1862

William Higginson, born October 17, 1863, married July 1894, Eliza, daughter of George and Isabella Elmsly, born March 10, 1868, died October 29, 1940. A daughter of this marriage was Mary Higginson Dandy, born November 3, 1897. This grand old gentleman, who will, I hope, surpass his father's record longevity, was a contributor to the Cairncastle memorial plaque. By many acts of philanthropy he has endeared himself to a wide circle of friends and relatives.

Charles Roland, born March 29, 1865; died December 11, 1900. Died in South Africa, while on service in the Boer War.

Edith Esther, born June 7, 1867

Mary Kathleen, born August 3, 1869

Lucy, born 1871, died young
 Thomas, born 1873, died young
 James Crawford, born June 24, 1875
 Eleanor Higginson, born March 13, 1877,
 died November 25, 1913

23. CHARLES TWEED HIGGINSON, born February 12, 1838, died 1926; married Emily Smith, born August 6, 1850, died March 27, 1907. Lived at Emerald Hill; moved to Sardis, B.C.

Children :

Charles Alexander, born January 23, 1870
 61. William Harold, born July 18, 1872
 62. James Alfred, born July 25, 1875
 63. Jane Elizabeth, born March 22, 1878

24. JAMES GORDON HIGGINSON, born February 23, 1840, died August 13, 1923, married August 18, 1868, Mary, daughter of Duncan and Jane (McKercher) McGibbon, born 1847, died November 14, 1929. Was postmaster and mayor of Hawkesbury. Built a successful business. Compiled the first family record. Erected a beautiful monument to his parents in Hillside Cemetery.

Children :

64. Mary, born 1869
 James Stanley, born February 15, 1871
 Jane Elizabeth, born August 23, 1873, married
 Charles Macaulay Higginson
 65. Alexander Boyd, born February 25, 1876
 66. Edward Clarke, born May 6, 1878
 67. Eleanor Stuart, born May 30, 1881
 Edith Marguerite, born December 2, 1885

25. ALEXANDER TWEED HIGGINSON, born December 23, 1842, died 1912. Married February 4, 1892, Anna Grace, daughter of W. C. MacLeod, died 1893.

A successful business man in Montreal. Travelled widely. In 1896 visited "Moir O'Neill's" mother in Ireland.

26. MARY HIGGINSON, born July 13, 1845; died 1871. Married December 28, 1869, Rev. William Roberts, son of William and Jane (Davenport) Roberts, born about 1842.

Child : (Roberts)

Alice Mary, born 1871

27. JOHN HIGGINSON, born April 30, 1820, died September 1, 1876; Married 1855, Maria, daughter of John and Elizabeth Esther (Finch) Fernie; born November 20, 1825, died December, 1906. (Lived at Buckingham, P.Q.)

Children :

- 68. Elizabeth Esther, born October 1856
Thomas Crawford, born October 1857, died 1894
Agnes Park, born October 31, 1859;
died October, 1951
- 69. Emma Jane, born March 12, 1861
- 70. John Fernie, born December 10, 1863
Maria Edith, born February 20, 1868
died March 8, 1958

28. JAMES HIGGINSON, born November 14, 1831; died February 19, 1920. Married February 21, 1865, Eliza Field, died September, 1896. Lived for some time in Hawkesbury, then in Waterdown, Ontario.

Children :

- 71. Agnes Eliza Maude, born December 1, 1865
Frederick William Field, born March 16, 1867
- 72. James Arthur, born January 10, 1872
- 73. George
Albert Edward, born June 15, 1878
Herbert Stewart, born May 6, 1880

29. ELIZA HIGGINSON, born June 24, 1837; died January 6, 1881. Married September 4, 1861, George Simpson, son of Robert and Ann Simpson, born about 1834. Lived at St. Andrews, P.Q. Had a family of six sons and two daughters. One of the sons was William Higginson Simpson.

30. HENRY HIGGINSON, born August 12, 1842, died July 24, 1917. Married Catherine Vanstone, daughter of Daniel Deane and Catherine (Fraser) Barrett, born January 14, 1860. Lived at Vankleek Hill.

Children : Three daughters, one of whom, Mary Hill Higginson, has helped greatly with this work.

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31. JOHN HIGGINSON, born September 9, 1832; died 1908; Married 1853, Emma, daughter of Henry Ahern, born 1832, died January 15, 1895. He was for more than forty years, Registrar of Prescott County.

Children :

- Emma Marcella, born October 29, 1854, died October 29, 1884; married Philip McRae, November 18, 1880.
- 74. Henry Ahern, born November 7, 1856
Thomas John Sheriff, born September 16, 1863, died May 23, 1873.
- 75. Mary Eleanor, born July 27, 1867
Charles Macaulay, born July 10, 1869, died July 28, 1950, married Jane Elizabeth Higginson February 4, 1902.
Elizabeth Winnifred, born June 10, 1872
Annie Maria, born June 10, 1872;
died August 16, 1872
James Arthur, born March 2, 1875; died young.

32. THOMAS SHERIFF HIGGINSON, born March 8, 1834; married Martha Burland, born 1834. Lived at Calumet P.Q.; moved to British Columbia.

Children :

- Sarah, born 1858
- Emma, born 1860
- Maude, born 1862
- Daisy, born 1864
- Martha Jane, born January 26, 1870
- Thomas Sheriff Humphrey, born September 9, 1872; died May 30, 1873.

33. SAMUEL CHARLES HIGGINSON, born 1850, died 1919; married September 28, 1874, Mary, daughter of Richard and Mary Ann (Owens) Byers, born February 9, 1856, died 1905. Known as "Big Sam". Youngest Higginson in Fenian Raid of 1866.

Children :

- 76. Harriet, born February 9, 1876
- 77. Florence, born June 16, 1878

- 78. Alice Mabel, born March 21, 1880
Mary Beatrice, born March 10, 1882
- 79. Charlotte, born April 13, 1883
- 80. Richard George, born June 20, 1885
- 81. William Edgar, born October 2, 1890

34. HARRIET HIGGINSON, born 1852. Married Michael Donnelly. Brought up by her aunt Mathilda Lusk, as her mother died when she was born.

35. THOMAS WILLIAM HIGGINSON, born February 18, 1851, died November 23, 1935; married first, January 16, 1874, Jane Smith, born October 11, 1847, died 1879; married second, 1881, Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Winnerling) Irle, born January 7, 1857, died February 6, 1917; married third, 1927, Martha Whittelsey, died 1938. Went out West about 1878 and lived there till his death. Buried, Masonic Cemetery, Kent, Washington. Founder of American Branch of the family.

Children :

- Edward Thomas, born August 3, 1876, died 1945.
Twice married. No issue.
- 82. Samuel George, born October 28, 1878
Ethel Ellen, born November 8, 1883, died
November 28, 1883
Harriet Elizabeth, born October 11, 1884;
died August 13, 1885
- 83. Harriet Ethel, born January 29, 1886
- 84. William Raymond, born May 5, 1888
Charlotte May, born February 6, 1890;
died January 18, 1926
Charles Thomas, born October 25, 1891,
died August 1892
Helen, born June 30, 1893, died September 10,
1908

36. MARY DUDDERIGE HIGGINSON, born August 25, 1854, married Edwin Brown. Lived with her father at Lakeview after her husband's death.

Child : (Brown)

William

37. ROSE HIGGINSON, married Joseph Cleary. Lived at Shawbridge, P.Q. Had a family of seven. One of the sons William Higginson Cleary was killed in action in first World War.

38. ANN HIGGINSON, born January 21, 1859, died May 10, 1957; married Rev. Arthur, son of John and Matilda (Johnson) Williamson.

Children : (Williamson)

Bertram Higginson, born May 13, 1886

Arthur Harold, born May 19, 1888.

Cousins of the famous diamond king, Dr. John Williamson.

39. MATILDA ETHEL HIGGINSON, born November 3, 1860, died February, 1944, married February 13, 1891, Rev. William Crawford Dilworth, born September, 1860, died 1897. Left a widow at an early age, she brought up her three daughters, and two step-daughters, unaided. For many years Principal of the Earl Grey school in Lachine, P.Q., with such success that the school Board granted her a thousand dollar bonus of appreciation, one year after her retirement. Another of our family's most outstanding women.

Children : (Dilworth)

Mary Higginson, born December 8, 1892. Married Lincoln Jay, April 16, 1915. They have two sons, William Dilworth Jay who was overseas with the Black Watch, and is now Assistant Purchasing Agent with Shawinigan Chemicals in Shawinigan, P.Q., and Raymond Harry Jay, who was shot down in flames over Germany and held prisoner for three and a half years; took part in construction of the famous Wooden Horse, graduated with honours from McGill's Law School and has served our External Affairs Department in India, Indo-China, and Switzerland.

Anne Charlotte. Married Joseph Elton, May 8, 1915. He was overseas for four years, winning the Meritorious Service Medal for valour. They had four children, of whom three survive : Dorcas Mary, married to William James Baird, Jr.; John Trevor Crawford, a flight lieutenant

in R.C.A.F. and Joanne Charlotte, married to Alan Thomas of Toronto. Mrs. Elton is principal of the school for Retarded Children in Guelph.

Matilda Grace. Married Edward Henry Swift, 1920. They have two daughters, Anne Louise Phillipa, married to Major John Byron Weston Keating of Halifax, N.S., and Mary Elizabeth, married to Dr. Ralph David Fish of Perth, Ontario.

40. GEORGE EDWARD HIGGINSON, born January 10, 1863; died March 27, 1947. Married February 14, 1895, Anna Whitcomb, daughter of Darwin and Jane (Higginson) Stevens, born June 30, 1865, died February 28, 1928. Lived in British Columbia, then in Calumet, P.Q. Appointed Justice of the Peace when he was out West. Elected Mayor of Calumet, during which time the village was incorporated.

Children :

Jane Crawford, born December 19, 1896

Mary Wilhelmina, born March 18, 1899

George Stevens, born December 8, 1900

Darwin

Rosemary. Married F. T. Harries, scion of a very old Welsh family.

41. WILLIAM CHARLES HIGGINSON, born April 7, 1865; died October 15, 1944; married November 17, 1897, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of George and Eliza (Byers) Smith, born August 26, 1875, died December 28, 1925. Lived at Lakeview, then at Stanstead, P.Q.

Children :

Mary Dudderidge, born October 1, 1898,
died June 8, 1924

85. Elizabeth Clarkson, born November 7, 1901

86. William Thomas, born July 14, 1904

87. George Irwin, born July 16, 1906

88. Charles Edward, born February 28, 1909

89. Margaret Dorothea, born May 9, 1912

43. ANDREW ALLISON HIGGINSON, born October 9, 1857; married April 7, 1883, Marietta, daughter of Richard Philo and

Maria (Van Kleeck) Pattee, bap. May 10, 1862, died September 3, 1950.

Children :

Margaret Allison, born February 27, 1884

90. Howard Pattee, born April 19, 1888

91. William Leslie, born May 15, 1890

Maria Vankleek, born April 28, 1901

44. JANE MARY HIGGINSON, born February 12, 1862; married March 30, 1886, George Frederick, son of Richard and Mary Anne (Owens) Byers, born February 1, 1858. Had a family of a son and two daughters.

45. CLARA HIGGINSON, born 1869, died April 25, 1937; married March 21, 1894, Frank Gardner, born January 23, 1865, died April 29, 1946. Had a family of two sons and three daughters.

46. AGNES MENZIES HIGGINSON, born April 10, 1876, married September 20, 1899, James Theodore, son of Stuart and Mary (Dennis) Brock. Mrs. Brock set an example I can only admire in ordering a copy of this work for each of her seven children. Mr. Brock is a past Warden of Trinity Church, Hawkesbury.

Children : (Brock)

John Stuart, born January 6, 1901

Mary Dennis, born May 20, 1902

Alison, born February 23, 1904

James Gordon, born October 29, 1905

Bertha Helen, born May 18, 1907

Emily Isobel, born November 6, 1912

Kenneth Robert, born April 13, 1919

47. GARNET WOLSELEY HIGGINSON, born November 14, 1878; married April 27, 1904, Ella, daughter of Robert and Catherine (Hughes) Banford, born November 15, 1883.

Children :

92. Grace Irma, born June 19, 1906

93. Ella Ruth

48. WILLIAM GORDON HIGGINSON, born January 19, 1883, married November 21, 1905, Bertha, daughter of James Bolton and Mary Jane (Nichols) Morrison, born November 28, 1884.

Children :

- 94. Charles Gordon, born March 4, 1907
- 95. John William, born October 7, 1910
- 96. Gordon Cecil, born October 14, 1916
- 97. James Kenneth, born April 27, 1921

49. WILLIAM ARTHUR HIGGINSON, born May 8, 1873, died October 16, 1926. Married June 17, 1911, Jessie Blair, daughter of John Newton Guinness and Mary Annie (Blair) Flanagan, born November 5, 1882, died February 6, 1952. Lived at Welby. Warden of Trinity Church, Hawkesbury, for several years.

Children :

- 98. Thomas Boyd, born April 23, 1912
- 99. William Randolph, born February 6, 1914
- 100. Frances Mary, born May 31, 1916
- Alexander Blair, born March 9, 1920

50. GEORGE OWEN HIGGINSON, born August 25, 1875; married Margaret Grace, daughter of John and Mary Sybella (Campbell) Fraser. Winner of gold medal at Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Children :

- Mary Sybella, born March 1, 1913
- 101. Thomas Tweed, born February 15, 1915
- 102. John Fraser, born June 25, 1918
- 103. Margaret Marion, born December 26, 1920

51. ROBERT RANDOLPH HIGGINSON, born August 11, 1877; married Mabel McKay, died 1956.

Child :

- 104. Mary Margaret, born October 8, 1922

52. THOMAS DOYLE HIGGINSON, born August 21, 1881; married, October 7, 1913, Gladys, daughter of Edward and Isabella (Holt) Lewis and sister of Stanley Lewis, longtime mayor of Ottawa. Prominent Ottawa Dentist, winner of Governor General's Trophy for curling.

Children :

- 105. Gladys Irene
- 106. Dorothy
- 107. Shirley
- 108. Arthur Balfour

53. ANNA EMILY HIGGINSON, born February 8, 1887; married December 26, 1913, Cecil Allan Moyle, born August 1, 1885, died May 17, 1950. Mr. Moyle was warden of Trinity Church, Hawkesbury 1921-28 and 1941-46. For many years a top executive in the Pulp Mill at Hawkesbury.

Children : (Moyle)

Margaret Eleanor, born January 25, 1915; married July 31, 1942, James Duncan McGregor, born July 12, 1919.

Allan Higginson, born January 30, 1917, married June 19, 1943, Martha Rosalie DuBose, born June 24, 1920. Graduated from McGill in Medicine. Now practices in Shawinigan, P.Q.

54. ERNEST GORDON HIGGINSON, born October 2, 1861, died December 28, 1939; married Clarissa, daughter of Richard Philo and Maria (VanKleek) Pattee; born November 23, 1863; died September 14, 1946.

Children :

Gordon Pattee, born 1890, died 1910

Lieut. Ernest George, R.F.C., 1894-1917

There is a memorial tablet in Trinity Church, Hawkesbury.

55. KATE HELENA HIGGINSON, born July 1863, died 1908; married January 28, 1891, Abram Nelson, born 1857, died 1943.

Children : (Nelson)

Kathleen, born 1892, died 1942

Foster Higginson, born 1894

Amy Harriet, born 1895

Ernest Abram, born 1898

John Gilbert Edwin, born 1900

56. GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGGINSON, born September 19, 1869; married 1901, Katherine Jessie Kennedy, born 1879. He received his earlier education at Hawkesbury schools and at the age of 17 left there for the Canadian west where he spent several years before entering The Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, graduating from same in 1898 with his degree, Doctor of Veterinary Science. Immediately following graduation he

started to practice in Rockland, Ontario, and also joined the Department of Agriculture's Health of Animals Branch as a Veterinary Inspector—serving in that capacity until his retirement in 1939. He was one of the pioneers in the field of Veterinary medicine in Canada and travelled extensively in this country and the United States in the course of his work, also making a trip to England for the government in 1931 at which time he had the opportunity of visiting Ireland and the ancestral home. He was known throughout Ontario and Quebec as an outstanding horseman.

Children :

- Catherine Reta, born 1902, died 1902
- 109. Harriet Amelia, born 1903
- 110. Jessie Catherine, born 1906
- 111. Ethel Margaret, born 1908
- 112. George Alexander, born 1913
- 113. Kathleen Reta, born 1915

57. JAMES ALEXANDER HIGGINSON, born May 28, 1871; died November 24, 1948; married 1894, Sarah MacDonald, born 1876.

Children :

- 114. Lillian Amelia, born May 16, 1895
- 115. James Darwin, born August 12, 1897
- May Victoria Alexandra, born May 24, 1904
- 116. Donald Beatty, born January 16, 1917

58. DARWIN STEVENS HIGGINSON, born November 18, 1873, died September 10, 1946; married 1903, Zoe Lorraine McKay, born November 22, 1880, died January 31, 1940.

Children :

- Margaret Lorraine, born 1905
- Constance Gordon, born 1911

59. JOHN BRIGHT HIGGINSON, born April 11, 1878, died October 21, 1935; married 1915, Frances Ann Johnston, born 1885.

Children :

- Byron Laurier, born 1916 (Major, Canadian Army)
- John Blake, born 1918, died 1942
- R.C.A.F., killed in Germany

117. Neal Alexander, born 1921

118. Mary Frances, born 1922

119. Greig Darwin, born 1924

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60. CLIFFORD GLADSTONE HIGGINSON, born November 28, 1881, married September 9, 1909, Margaret Bruce Elliott, born December 20, 1889. One of those who has given much help with this history, and a contributor to the Memorial.

Children :

120. Mildred Eileen, born March 8, 1911

Lloyd George, born April 6, 1917, died June 9, 1942.

He went overseas in 1941 as a Bomber Pilot.

He flew in a number of raids over Germany in a Wellington Bomber. He was then transferred to the first Canadian bomber group and flew in a number of raids over Germany with Squadron 405. He was then put in command of one of the first big Halifax Bombers and took part in the first great (1,000 plane) raid over Essen and Cologne. He was named as "Path Finder" on other raids and was shot down over Cologne on one of these on June 9, 1942. On May 9, 1943, a sermon, "Life Triumphant" was preached in Montreal West United Church by Dr. G. Campbell Wadsworth, the minister, on occasion of the memorial service.

121. Evelyn Margaret, born October 4, 1918

122. Howard Alexander, born August 19, 1920

61. WILLIAM HAROLD HIGGINSON, born July 18, 1872, died August 19, 1940, married December 12, 1903, Helen May Complin.

Children :

123. Charles Allen, born June 13, 1905

124. John William, born June 24, 1912

125. Harold Gordon, born October 31, 1914

62. JAMES ALFRED HIGGINSON, born July 25, 1875, died December 27, 1954; married Jessie May de Wolf, a descendant of Sir Leonard Tilley, one of the Makers of Canada and Father of Confederation.

Children :

- 126. Leonard Tilley, born June 14, 1906
- 127. Fanny Emily, born January 25, 1908
- 128. Edith May, born October 2, 1913

63. JANE ELIZABETH HIGGINSON, born March 23, 1878; married Neville Smith.

Children : (Smith)

Phyllis
Isabel

64. MARY HIGGINSON, married Robert Cochran Ross, May 2, 1902.

Son : (Ross)

James Higginson, born June 23, 1903

65. Rev. ALEXANDER BOYD HIGGINSON, born February 25, 1876; married Mary Edna Macmonies, born May 13, 1882.

An Anglican minister, carrying on the tradition of Rev. Thomas Higginson. His generous help and sympathy in my early researches is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Children :

- 129. Helen Margaret, born December 14, 1906
- 130. Jean Beatrice, born January 28, 1912
- 131. Charles Gordon, born March 26, 1915

66. EDWARD CLARKE HIGGINSON, born May 6, 1878; married October 7, 1925, Edna Jean McAllister, born July 4, 1894.

My guide and mentor in this work. Named for Rev. Adam Clarke.

Children :

- 132. Edith Mary, born December 23, 1926
- 133. Joan Constance, born May 7, 1928
Barbara Jean, born January 19, 1930; married
Sept. 8, 1956, Francis Dosne.

67. ELEANOR STUART HIGGINSON, born May 30, 1881; married September 15, 1908, Hiram Horton, son of John and Caroline (Wyman) Kirby. Dr. Kirby was a prominent dentist. He was warden of Trinity Church, Hawkesbury 1929-1946.

Children : (Kirby)

Enid Mary Caroline, born April 30, 1910
 Edith Margaret, born February 28, 1912
 Kathleen Eleanor, born December 5, 1913
 Gwyneth Elizabeth, born May 1, 1916
 Joan Ross, born April 11, 1918

68. ELIZABETH ESTHER HIGGINSON, born October 1856, died March 1939; married 1888, Richardson Tardiff.

Children : (Tardiff)

Maria Edith, born 1889, married R. A. Gurnham of Valleyfield, P.Q.
 Laura Damaris, born 1890, married Dumaresq Valpy of Perce, P.Q.
 Elizabeth Esther, born 1891

69. EMMA JANE HIGGINSON, born March 12, 1861, died October 12, 1936; married November 22, 1881, Albert Hamilton Parker, died September 17, 1939.

Children : (Parker)

Lucy Maria Muriel, born August 25, 1882, married December 30, 1919, John Adrian Simpson, of Ottawa, died May 8, 1938.
 Jean Hamilton, born April 30, 1885, married November 27, 1902,
 Walter Stanley Simpson, of Brockville, died May 30, 1926.
 Edith Fernie, born March 5, 1894.

70. JOHN FERNIE HIGGINSON, born December 10, 1863, died May 31, 1926; married September 20, 1898, Elizabeth Isabelle, daughter of Alexander and Sarah Jane (Magee) Cumming, born November 27, 1870. Lived at Buckingham, P.Q. Mrs. Higginson is a sister of the late Mrs. Howard Ferguson, whose husband was Premier of Ontario and later Canadian High Commissioner in England.

Children :

John Herbert, born July 28, 1899, killed in action Cambrai, France, November 30, 1917. Graduate of Royal Military College at seventeen, he was a brilliant student whose early death was a tragedy for the whole Higginson

family. I have no doubt that had he been spared his career would have been such as to make proud all who bear the name.

Helen Magee, born April 7, 1901; died June 20, 1925; married October 28, 1924, J. Norman MacLaren, of Buckingham.

Isabelle Fernie, born May 29, 1902

Margaret Cumming, born April 28, 1905

Ruth Alexandra, born December 23, 1912

71. AGNES ELIZA MAUDE HIGGINSON, born December 1, 1865; married September 21, 1898, James Eager, of Waterdown. Had three children.

72. JAMES ARTHUR HIGGINSON, born January 10th, 1872, died February 14, 1937, married February 9, 1898, Georgina Spence, born June 5, 1878, died January 28, 1937.

Children:

Beatrice Georgina, born January 13, 1899, married J. E. Brown

Robert James, born March 23, 1902, married, September 6, 1951, Beatrice Louise Wood.

Laura Isabella; married March 17, 1934, E. B. Arbell.

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74. Dr. HENRY AHERN HIGGINSON, born November 7, 1856, died June 20, 1895; married April 10, 1889, Anne Frances Harward, daughter of Edwin and Jennie (Harward) Eastman.

He graduated from McGill University as a doctor in 1881 and after study abroad practiced in Winnipeg, where his portrait hangs in the General Hospital. A biographical sketch, written by his widow, is in my possession and I hope it may be printed some day, as it is full of interest.

Child:

134. Edwina Gertrude, born March 1894.

75. MARY ELEANOR HIGGINSON, born July 27, 1867; married November 16, 1887, James Sutherland Robertson. Two daughters.

76. HARRIET HIGGINSON, born February, 1876, died about 1950, married John Brockie. A family of six boys and six girls.

77. FLORENCE HIGGINSON, born June 16, 1878; married James Ross Murdoch. Lives at Drumheller, Alberta. A family of two boys and a girl.

78. ALICE MABEL HIGGINSON, born March 21, 1880, married Charles Duncan McPhail. A family of three boys and two girls. The eldest boy, Edgar, was killed in first World War.

79. CHARLOTTE HIGGINSON, born April 13, 1883, married Ralph W. Huff. A family of four boys and two girls.

80. RICHARD GEORGE HIGGINSON, born June 20, 1885; married 1st, November 20, 1907, Edna Fraser Hutchinson Petch, born May 28, 1883, died July 26, 1929; married 2nd, September 18, 1935, Hazel McKenzie.

Child :

135. Charles Ivan, born November 9, 1908.

81. WILLIAM EDGAR HIGGINSON, born October 2, 1890; married Ethel Hollabon. Served in first World War. A family of three girls.

82. SAMUEL GEORGE HIGGINSON, born October 28, 1878; married 1st, June 19, 1901, Nellie Pullan, born April 5, 1886; married 2nd, August 17, 1940, Flora Bessie McFarland, born September 17, 1884.

Children :

Margaret, born August 4, 1904

Wilbur, born December 5, 1906

83. HARRIET ETHEL HIGGINSON, born January 29, 1886, married February 7, 1906, Warren Doty Leslie, born February 22, 1876; died February 15, 1945.

Had four daughters.

84. WILLIAM RAYMOND HIGGINSON, born May 5, 1888; married April 20, 1920, Mae, daughter of Isaac Michael and Ida Ann (Hugh) Goodwin.

Children :

136. Raymond William, born July 25, 1921

137. Glenn Alfred, born August 11, 1924

138. Donald Lee, born February 9, 1930

85. ELIZABETH CLARKSON HIGGINSON, born November 7, 1901; married June 6, 1931, John Ashman.

Child : (Ashman)

Mary, born January 17, 1933

86. WILLIAM THOMAS HIGGINSON, born July 14, 1904, married Mabel Kelly, March 3, 1934.

Children :

Thomas William, born July 3, 1936

Anna Jean, born October 21, 1940

87. GEORGE IRWIN HIGGINSON, born July 16, 1906; married 1st, 1930, Thera Beane, died September 22, 1933; married 2nd, August 3, 1940, Sylvia Eileen Maude, daughter of Charles Edward and Sylvia Janet (Harvey) Cameron.

Children :

139. Lucy Elizabeth, born July 16, 1933

Marjorie Eileen, born March 30, 1946

Janice Doreen, born May 22, 1948

88. CHARLES EDWARD HIGGINSON, born February 28, 1909; married October, 1940, Kathleen Hillier, of Montreal.

Children :

William, born May 1942

Patricia, born April, 1943

Martha, born December, 1945

Robert, born March 21, 1952

89. MARGARET DOROTHEA HIGGINSON, born May 9, 1912; married May 23, 1936, Bernal A. Gustin. A family of nine.

90. HOWARD PATTEE HIGGINSON, born April 19, 1888; married January 15, 1920, Alice, daughter of Henry and Mary (Murphy) Powell.

Children :

140. Howard Powell, born December 23, 1920

Andrew Allison, born November 30, 1921

Henry Osmond, born December 6, 1922

141. Ernest Van Kleek, born 1924
 Leslie Pattee, born August 1, 1927; married 1957
 May Mathew
 William Herbert Lawrence, born January 29, 1932;
 married 1957, Elizabeth Kirby

91. WILLIAM LESLIE HIGGINSON, born May 15, 1890;
 married 1st, 1910, Catherine Smith; married 2nd, 1927, Helen,
 daughter of William and Florence (Campbell) Hall.

Children :

142. Lillian, born 1911
 143. Gladys Irene, born 1918
 William Hall, born April 13, 1933
 Robert Leslie, born November 15, 1934
 Rhea, born May 1937

92. GRACE IRMA HIGGINSON, born June 19, 1906; married
 September 20, 1930, Hugh Timothy Quigley.

Children : (Quigley)

- Garnet, born August 3, 1933
 Graham, born April 26, 1938
 Cheryl, born April 23, 1946

93. ELLA RUTH HIGGINSON, married May 3, 1937, James
 W. Rattray.

Children : (Rattray)

- Marion, born August 6, 1938
 Margaret Anne, born February 27, 1941
 Allan, born December 29, 1949

94. Rev. CHARLES GORDON HIGGINSON, born 1907; married
 1935, Muriel Theresa Maitland. Outstanding United Church
 minister, now at Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Children :

- Muriel Jean, born September 17, 1937
 Nancy Elizabeth, born January 2, 1941

95. JOHN WILLIAM HIGGINSON, born October 7, 1910; married Louisa Holtby.

Children :

Mary Lou, born August 26, 1940

John Allison, born June 28, 1942

James Kenneth, born March 6, 1947

Charles Lennox, born November 18, 1951

96. GORDON CECIL HIGGINSON, born October 14, 1916; married Gwyneth Elizabeth Kirby, daughter of Dr. Hiram Horton and Eleanor Stuart (Higginson) Kirby, born May 1, 1916.

Children :

Gordon Roger Kirby, born May 16, 1942

Judith Mary, born September 17, 1943

Elizabeth Ann, born August 9, 1948

James, born July 3, 1950

Eleanor, born April 25, 1952

97. JAMES KENNETH HIGGINSON, born April 27, 1921; married September 12, 1953, Margaret Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. H. Allan of Granby, P.Q.

Children :

John Allan, born March 9, 1955

James Kenneth, born April 5, 1957

98. THOMAS BOYD HIGGINSON, born April 23, 1912; married December 30, 1942, Norma Emmeline, daughter of Christopher Leonard and Catherine Jane (O'Brien) Cooke, born September 2, 1915. Warden, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Sharbot Lake, Ontario.

Children :

William Cooke, born November 16, 1943

Norma Adelaide, born June 25, 1947

Margaret Jane, born March 17, 1953

99. WILLIAM RANDOLPH HIGGINSON, born February 6, 1914; married August 4, 1950, Frances Marion, daughter of George Clifford and Violet May (Williams) Hayes, born November 17, 1928.

Children :

Margaret Elizabeth, born May 24, 1951

William Arthur, born September 29, 1952
 Shirley Anne, born August 31, 1954
 Frances Marian, born November 25, 1955
 Judith Jean, born March 16, 1957

100. FRANCES MARY HIGGINSON, born May 31, 1916; married February 15, 1941, James Arthur, son of Thomas Frederick and Ada (Sharratt) Pynn, born August 3, 1909.

Children : (Pynn)

Kathleen Adelaide, born March 25, 1942
 William Arthur Brian, born January 20, 1947
 Isobel Jessie, born November 5, 1951
 Lawrence Randolph, born February, 1956

101. THOMAS TWEED HIGGINSON, born February 15, 1915; married November 26, 1936, Marjorie Parker, born November 26, 1913.

Children :

Adonna Sybella, born August 2, 1937
 George Owen, born August 14, 1947

102. JOHN FRASER HIGGINSON, born June 25, 1918; married Mary Eleanor Rowbotham.

Children :

Catherine Anne, born December 29, 1943
 Eleanor Florence, born June 25, 1947
 Thomas William, born September 14, 1948
 Ian Fraser, born March 26, 1951
 James Robert, born October 6, 1952

103. MARGARET MARION HIGGINSON, married Arthur, son of George and Susan (Barton) McDonald.

Daughter : Naomi Grace, born January 22, 1951

104. MARY MARGARET HIGGINSON, born October 8, 1922; married George Haywood-Farmer, born August 23, 1915.

Children : (Haywood-Farmer)

Mabel Geraldine, born March 24, 1943
 Mildred McKay, born August 19, 1944, died 1951
 Patricia Ann, born February 5, 1947
 James George, born March 7, 1948
 David Richard, born April 16, 1953

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105. GLADYS IRENE HIGGINSON, married Lorne Smith. They have three children.

106. DOROTHY HIGGINSON, married Frank Marshall. They have three children.

107. SHIRLEY HIGGINSON, married Desmond Coughtry. They have two children.

108. ARTHUR BALFOUR HIGGINSON, born June 13, 1922, married December 15, 1951, Sheila Ann Derrah, born May 21, 1929. Flight Lieutenant, R.C.A.F., at Greenwood, N.S.

Child :

Carey Roxanne, born November 16, 1952

109. HARRIET AMELIA HIGGINSON, born 1903, married 1927, Norman John Campbell MacLeod, born 1899. One who helped greatly.

Children : (MacLeod)

Donna Lorraine, born 1928, married 1949, Harry Douglas Palmer, born 1925.

Donald George, born 1930, married 1950, Helen Theresa McAuley, born 1930

Darwin Higginson, born 1934

Hugh Dalton Alexander, born 1937

110. JESSIE CATHERINE HIGGINSON, born 1906, married 1943, Edgar Wilson, born 1908.

Daughter : (Wilson)

Judith Ann, born 1944

111. ETHEL MARGARET HIGGINSON, born 1908, married 1931, Martel Covenry, born 1898. A family of nine.

112. GEORGE ALEXANDER HIGGINSON, born 1913, married 1941, Dorothy Marion McKinnon, born 1915.

Children :

Hugh Alexander, born 1943

Michael George, born 1947

113. KATHLEEN RETA HIGGINSON, born 1915, married John R. Roos, born 1900. A family of six.

114. LILLIAN AMELIA HIGGINSON, born May 16, 1895; married Frank Favell. Two daughters.

115. JAMES DARWIN HIGGINSON, born August 12, 1897, married Grace Lafrance.

Children :

Doris
Betty
Darwin
Lorna

116. DONALD BEATTY HIGGINSON, born January 16, 1916, married Dorothy Hamilton. A family of three.

117. NEAL ALEXANDER HIGGINSON, born 1921, married 1951, Ada Cavell Pilgrim, born 1922.

Children :

Susan Frances, born 1951
Lee Ann, born 1954
Peggy Jane, born 1955

118. MARY FRANCES HIGGINSON, born 1922 ; married 1953, Turko Salo, born 1923.

119. GREIG DARWIN HIGGINSON, born 1924 ; married 1948, Barbara MacKay Carroll, born 1923.

Children :

Dawn Carroll, born 1952
John Blake, born 1954

120. MILDRED EILEEN HIGGINSON, born March 8, 1911 ; married Alexander McLean.

Children : (McLean)

Judith Marian, born February 24, 1940
Clifford John Lawson, born November 20, 1941
Margaret Katharine, born May 16, 1949

121. EVELYN MARGARET HIGGINSON, born October 4, 1918 ; married Rae Guess.

Children : (Guess)

Brenda Margaret, born November 3, 1946
Lloyd Higginson, born May 15, 1950

122. HOWARD ALEXANDER HIGGINSON, born August 19, 1920 ; married Lois Gallagher.

Children :

Anne Marion, born January 1, 1951
 Susan Mary, born March 13, 1953
 William Brian, born January 15, 1957

123. CHARLES ALLEN HIGGINSON, born June 31, 1905;
 married April 22, 1939, Gwendolyn Mostyn.

Children :

Brenda Lynne, born October 2, 1940
 Kathleen Mary, born September 5, 1942

124. JOHN WILLIAM HIGGINSON, born June 24, 1912;
 married October 13, 1951, Audrey Hawkins.

Children :

Hilary Ann, born December 19, 1952
 Alison Mary, born October 15, 1956

125. HAROLD GORDON HIGGINSON, born October 31, 1914;
 married August 15, 1946, Phyllis Barker.

Children :

Robert William, born May 1, 1948
 Richard Gordon, born March 12, 1950

126. LEONARD TILLEY HIGGINSON, born June 14, 1906;
 married September 28, 1946, Helen Louise Anderson.

Children :

Mary Louise, born November 8, 1947,
 died December 25, 1947
 William Eric, born October 3, 1948
 Douglas James, born September 1, 1955
 Nancy Jean, born July 17, 1957

127. FANNY EMILY HIGGINSON, born January 25, 1908;
 married May 9, 1942, Robert Leigh Tingle.

Children : (Tingle)

James Nisbet, born March 5, 1944
 Edith May, born September 10, 1945

128. EDITH MAY HIGGINSON, born October 2, 1913; married
 September 14, 1948, Archibald Campbell Barr.

Children : (Barr)

Heather May, born May 6, 1950
 Brenda Mary, born June 22, 1952

129. HELEN MARGARET HIGGINSON, born December 14, 1906; married Dr. H. Peacock. Had a family of four.

130. JEAN BEATRICE HIGGINSON, born June 28, 1912; married Angus Gray.

Child : (Gray)

Stuart Angus, born about 1954

131. CHARLES GORDON HIGGINSON, born March 26, 1915; married Willa Lovely.

Children :

Janice

Frances

Nancy

132. EDITH MARY HIGGINSON, born December 23, 1926; married June 17, 1950, Alaster Fraser Mackay, born April 14, 1926.

Children : (Mackay)

Jean Mary, born April 4, 1951

Ann Tweed, born July 1, 1952

Edith Bradford, born July 22, 1953

Alexander Edward, born March 14, 1955

133. JOAN CONSTANCE HIGGINSON, born May 7, 1928; married 1st, June 23, 1948, William Graham Arnold, died July 8, 1950; married 2nd, June 30, 1956, Joseph Spencer Hunt, born January 1, 1926.

Children : (Arnold)

Pamela Constance, born April 20, 1949

William Graham, born April 2, 1950

(Hunt)

Elizabeth Ann, born July 21, 1957

SEVENTH GENERATION

134. EDWINA GERTRUDE HIGGINSON, born March, 1894; married May 27, 1926, Allan, son of Rev. Canon Johnston McLelland and Caroline Elizabeth (Magee) Snowdon, born May 30, 1894.

Children : (Snowdon)

Andrea Mary, born November 25, 1927

Dennis Allen Higginson, born January 3, 1930

135. CHARLES IVAN HIGGINSON, born November 9, 1908, married 1935, Gudrun Oilund, born September 20, 1918.

Children :

Richard Ian, born March 31, 1937
 Andrew Allan, born September 5, 1939
 Edward George, born December 31, 1941
 Roy David, born July 23, 1946
 Lois, born February 8, 1948
 Dennis Millard, born August 6, 1952
 Ivan Bruce, born November 14, 1953

136. RAYMOND WILLIAM HIGGINSON, born July 25, 1921; married February 21, 1948, Florence Stoughton, born November 2, 1918.

Children :

Lynn Ellen, born July 19, 1949
 Wendy Ann, born November 10, 1951

137. GLENN ALFRED HIGGINSON, born August 11, 1924; married August 31, 1945, Stella Ware, born January 10, 1927.

Children :

Michael Glenn, born October 2, 1948
 Cynthia, born July 26, 1950

138. DONALD LEE HIGGINSON, born February 9, 1930; married October 10, 1949, Bonnie Jean Betty, born March 22, 1931.

Children :

Karen Elizabeth, born July 13, 1950
 Linda Susan, born May 15, 1952
 Nancy Dawn, born August 1, 1953
 Donald Lee, born February 15, 1955

139. LUCY ELIZABETH HIGGINSON, born July 16, 1930; married June 20, 1951, Ronald Drew.

Child : (Drew)

Lawrence John, born December 21, 1953

140. HOWARD POWELL HIGGINSON, born December 23, 1920; married Marcelline Perrier.

Children :

Gordon Lawrence, born July 15, 1944
 Alice Irene, born September 8, 1945

Norma Jean, born December 12, 1946

Howard Robert, born August 26, 1948

Richard Lewis, born October 8, 1953

141. ERNEST VANKLEEK HIGGINSON, born 1924; married Helen Jean Stevens, born October 27, 1925.

Children :

Mary Constance, born February 18, 1951

Ernest Darwin, born February 9, 1953

142. LILLIAN HIGGINSON, born 1911; married Douglas Roberts.

Child : (Roberts)

Catherine, born December 1952

143. GLADYS IRENE HIGGINSON, born 1918; married Douglas Thrasher.

Child : (Thrasher)

Leslie

APPENDIX

WILL OF REV. THOMAS HIGGINSON

In the name of God Amen. I Thos. Higginson Clk. do after recommending my soul to the Divine mercy thro' my Redeemer make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following: First I leave and bequeath to my son-in-law Hugh Young the sum of fourty pounds sterling; Secondly I leave to Duncan McKiron the sum of one shilling and a penny; Thirdly I leave and bequeath to my sons Boyd Higginson, William Higginson and my sister-in-law Rose Wallace, during her life my farm and all the issues and profits to my said sons Boyd Higginson and William Higginson share and share alike and after my legal debts are paid all my goods and chattels I leave equally to be divided between my said sons Boyd and William. Lastly I nominate and appoint William Higginson of Nappin and my son Boyd Higginson Exis., revoking all wills by me made or pretended to be made, as witness my hand an seal, March thirty first, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Signed, sealed and perfected in the presence of

William Moor
John Shaw
Jon. Lawson

Copy of "Another Pioneer Gone"

LIEUT. COLONEL THOMAS HIGGINSON

Vankleek Hill, Ont.

Written by "Norah" (Mrs. McDougal)

O memory of mine,
Looking back along the years
With the gift, almost divine,
Of seeing all the sweet sunshine
Overlooking all the tears.

Let's wander at our will,
All the many seasons through
To that cottage, white and still,
Upon the brow of Vankleek Hill
Where the Guelder roses grew.

O'er sunny garden patch,
With its odours floating round
Buds that golden sunbeams catch
We cross the grass and lift the latch
This is memory's holy ground.

Let us with noiseless feet,
 Cross the threshold of its door,
 With the old time friends to meet,
 Raising up each memory sweet
 With our footfall on the floor.

Go through each pleasant room
 Note the pictures on the wall,
 Listen to each ancient tune,
 The 'Coolin Song', "Aileen a roon"
 Heart of Erin breathes through all.

Like fragrance of the rose
 Floating through the casement up
 Every heart with kindness glows
 And every stranger welcome knows
 Shares the bread and tastes the cup.

The learned and lowly meet,
 Rich and poor could enter here,
 Rested here most weary feet,
 For 'Cead mille failte' sweet
 Pervaded all the atmosphere.

And in this pleasant place,
 As linked years went rolling on,
 Fireside virtues, gifts and grace
 Gathered round one kindly face
 Made sweet the name of Higginson.

He had his cares and fears,
 He 'scaped not the common lot,
 Many sorrows, many tears,
 Sprinkled his path of ninety years :
 No home is built where these are not.

But these he kept apart,
 And all his pleasant, learned ways,
 All the sunshine of his heart,
 He freely shared to each a part,
 Making round him happy days.

All has passed away
 With him the kindly man of years
 Tender words let memory say
 The records of a vanished day
 O'er these passing pioneers.

They will not be forgot,
 The friend, the home, the roses gone
 For the sweet plant 'Forget me not'
 Treasures the memory of this spot,
 'Twill through the years bloom on.

Our precious and our best
 Pass from us like sweet summer breath
 Not lost but kindly laid to rest,
 Living with those whom God has blest
 With the holy seal of Death.

WILL OF BOYD HIGGINSON

In the name of God Amen.

I, Boyd Higginson of Corckermain in the parish of Carncastle in the County of Antrim farmer being weak in body but of sound mind memory and judgement do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all former wills made by me. First I commit my soul to the mercy of God, my Creator and Redeemer and I desire that my body may be buried in a decent manner and that the funeral service of the church be used at my interment. Secondly I desire that my funeral expense, and all my lawful debts contracted by me, and all the legacies herein bequeathed shall be paid by my four sons, as hereafter directed. Thirdly I leave and bequeath to my dear wife Jane Higginson during her natural life, the parler and back room with part of the garden at the house and also one pound three shillings sterling yearly which is the profit rent at present arising to me out of William Steele's farm, to be paid her in two half yearly payments, also two pound, twelve shillings sterling yearly to be paid her half yearly by my four sons share and share alike, the lands herein bequeathed them to be subject to said annuity. Fourthly I leave and bequeath to my daughter Jane forty pounds sterling to be paid her on her marriage day and in case she dies unmarried I bequeath ten pounds of said forty unto my granddaughter Ann when she arrives at the age of twenty one years, if her mother should die before she arrives at that age, but if otherwise, to be paid her at her mother's death, the residue of the forty pounds to be equally divided amongst my four sons or the survivor of them. Fifthly I leave and bequeath to my granddaughter Ann ten pounds sterling to be paid her when she arrives at the age of twenty one years,—if she dies before she arrives at age, the bequests made her to be equally divided amongst my four sons, or the survivors of them. Sixthly I leave and bequeath to my son John Higginson and his male heirs lawfully begotten for ever—as follows, that proportion of my lands in Corkermain called the moss park, the long lay and the little field at the head of the upper meadow, all of which are now in his possession, also a part of the upper meadow, in the upper part of the same—the mearings to be laid off by my Executors, and to run through by the head of the centry field by the upper town at the big meadow on a strait line to William Steele's march, said proportion of land to be subject to pay the one fourth part of the bequests herein made to my daughter Jane and grand daughter Ann and one fourth part of all my debts, also subject to the yearly rent of one pound ten shillings sterling to be paid the Landlord yearly for ever, and in case of his failing in male issue Lands are to be divided amongst the survivors of my sons share and share alike. I also leave and bequeath my son John for and during the space of seven years that part of the dwelling house which he now possesses with the garden before the door and the little green at the end of the barley garden (allowing a road thro' it to the fields) the whole of which at the expiration of said term of seven years he is to relinquish and peaceable give up unto his brothers George and William, at which time said house, garden, and green with the kitchen and office houses are to be equally divided between George and William. Seventhly, I leave and bequeath to my son George and his male heirs lawfully begotten for ever, that part of the big meadow from the mearing to be laid off by my executor as before mentioned, downward, also the hemp now, the centry field, the square meadow and the one third part of the lower meadow, said proportions of land to be subject to pay one pound ten shillings sterling yearly rent to the landlord for ever. Eighthly I leave and bequeath to my son William and his male heirs lawfully begotten for ever, that part of my farm called the pea home, the home and wee park and the barley garden, and the one third part of the lower meadow, his division of the land to be subject to the yearly rent of one pound ten shillings sterling to be paid to the landlord for ever. Ninthly

I leave and bequeath to my son Thomas and his male heirs lawfully begotten for ever, the one third part of the lower meadow and that part of the lower meadow and that part of the land now in possession of Alexander Ker with the houses thereon at the expiration of said Ker's lease, his proportion of the lands subject to the yearly rent of one pound ten shillings sterling to be paid to the Landlord for ever. Tenthly, in case my son John should survive the death of my brother William I allow that eight pounds sterling of the first income, from the Land of William Steele after his death be paid to my son John for the purpose of building a house on his own part of the land, and that the residue of the issue and profits then arising from said land, be divided share alike amongst my four sons, also that the one pound three shillings yearly coming in at present from said land, and bequeathed my wife, shall at her death be divided in like manner. And farther I devise that at the expiration of William Steele's lease his lands be equally divided amongst my four sons, or if any of them be then dead, amongst the survivors and the male issue of the deceased. Eleventhly I allow my two sons George and William to learn their brother Thomas their trade at their expense or in failing so to do they are to pay ten guineas of their proportion of land unto their brother Thomas. Twelfthly, I desire that all my lawful debts and legacies be discharged in the following manner. My son John as before mentioned is to pay the one fourth of the same the lands now left him being subject to it, and for the payment of the remaining three fourths I allow that the hay that shall grow on the meadow herein bequeathed to my sons George, William and Thomas shall be sold from year to year until the same shall be fully paid and should this not prove sufficient, the lands bequeathed them to be subject to said three fourths. Thirteenthly, if any of my sons dies without lawful heirs, I allow the property herein bequeathed them to be equally divided amongst the survivors, of my sons. Fourteenthly, I allow my wife and children to live together for the space of seven years at which time John is to give up the part of the house and or otherwise to live together during the natural life of their mother. I also allow that my wife shall not have it in her power to act or sell her interest in any of this property except to my son George and William and that at her death the part of the house and garden bequeathed her shall be equally divided between George and William and if it should so happen that any of my sons may marry before seven years are expired or before their mother's death and be able to pay their proportion of the debts and bequests herein made, then in that case they are to be put in possession of all their proportions of land herein specified. Fifteenthly, I allow a road from the hemp now along the south side of the Centry field till it goes into John's field. I allow my son Thomas a road from the main road leading by my door into his proportion of the meadow. I desire my executors to indulge my sons George and William and Thomas with that portion of mossy ground at the foot of the meadow to set potatoes on for the space of three years only, and then it is to go along with the rest of the meadow to pay off the debt. Lastly, before signing this my will I do hereby appoint Thomas Shaw and Thomas Young both of Carncastle my executors, giving them full power to carry into execution this my last will and testament. Dated this 30 day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and six.

BOYD HIGGINSON

In presence of—David Moore—Jacob Miller—William Steel.

A true copy, which I attest

Thos. E. Higginson

FROM "SHOE AND CANOE,"

by Dr. J. J. Bigsby

EXCURSION THE FIRST

TO HAWKSBURY, ON THE RIVER OTTAWA

In the month of August (1819), after a hot summer, typhus fever appeared, both extensively and fatally, in a portion of the township of Hawkesbury, on the River Ottawa, 260 miles from Quebec, and recently settled by a large party of Irish. As it continued with undiminished severity throughout September, Government determined to send a military medical officer to take charge of the sick, and to report on the causes and nature of the pestilence.

I was selected for this errand of mercy, and now present to the reader a non-professional sketch of the excursion.

Hamilton Mills is a large establishment for sawing up the timber which the lumberer rafts down from the higher parts of the Ottawa; the adjacent rapids furnishing the motive power. I was afterwards astonished at the quantity of logs I saw floating in a back water—at the easy manner in which each was presented and held to the saw—and the number and vast force of the saws.

The immediate vicinity of the mills was all but in a state of nature. The mill, that is, the building containing the saws, was merely a large oblong wooden shed:—the proprietor's dwelling-house (barely comfortable) was surrounded by offices, forges, workmen's dwellings, and stables. A kitchen-garden there certainly was, with little patches of wheat here and there; but the eye saw little else than the charred stumps of trees, clumps of young beech and alder on a rugged surface, covered with rocks, stones, and sand, and hemmed in by the virgin forest. Around the mills for half a mile the accumulation of foreign loose rocks is so enormous and so various that almost every known rock formation has its representative. Many of the blocks of granite are from twenty to thirty feet long. They have been left here by an ancient still-water at the point of obstruction, created by a sudden narrowing of the river, when at a higher level.

I felt not a little awkward in presenting myself to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton of the mills, at whose house, as the principal person in the settlement, it was arranged that I should reside—not only from the extreme slenderness of my personal effects, but for want of my introductory letter and public credentials, then somewhere on the banks of the river Hudson.

I explained my situation in a few words, shewed my stock of galencicals, and observed that few evil and designing persons would travel as I had done sixty miles into a wilderness to catch the typhus fever gratuitously. They had been surprised, but were easily satisfied.

I passed a pleasant and busy month at their hospitable dwelling, and hope never to forget their united kindness.

A very few years after this visit, their four children requiring education, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton embarked in a stout boat for Montreal, as is done every day.

While descending the Long Sault Rapids, which are close to the mills, the boat upset, and every soul perished, boatman included, except the father and one child. He lived only a year or two after, a broken man.

The Hawksbury settlement (1850), now called Hawksbury West, is an oblong block of heavily-timbered land, of variable fertility. Its exact dimensions I do not know. There are many swamps and sand-hills; but in places I noticed many excellent crops of wheat growing among the tree-stumps. It now contains about two thousand inhabitants, and on the whole is healthy.

Mr. Hamilton furnished me with a horse, and was so good as to accompany me to my scattered patients on the first day: otherwise most certainly I should not have found my way, along primitive bye-paths, over crazy bridges, through morasses and woods, whose pines were of a size and height I never saw equalled elsewhere.

As very often happens, the fever had nearly spent itself before the greatly-needed aid arrived. During my stay the sick became rapidly convalescent, and no new cases occurred; but it was thought best to detain me a week or two longer than absolutely necessary.

My duties lay among a young colony of Irish planted apart in the woods, and were pleasant, because the people were truly grateful. I was much pleased by the universal cheerfulness (except in the houses of the sick), the friendly feeling, the great readiness to assist each other which prevailed. Several times did I meet hearty, smiling young Irish women on horseback, laden with dainties for distant sick acquaintances.

I had a young single man under my care, exceedingly reduced, living alone in a one-roomed hut. He had a fine crop of wheat on a patch of ground close to his house; but he was totally unable to reap it. This his neighbours did for him; doubtless expecting that on some emergency he would do the like for them. I have the merry scene, only lasting a few hours, before my eyes now. Such a working party is called a "Bee", and extends to every in-door or out-door operation requiring numbers.

Hawkesbury is not in the far-off wilds: there are settlements all around; too much severed by bad roads, except where the Ottawa offers easy transport, and especially to the good market at Montreal. These emigrants, therefore, were not beyond human help, like the solitary squatting families. These people had placed their rude but warm log-huts either in the form of a straggling street, or else each on his own land, according to temper or circumstances.

The advantages of public worship and of schools were within their reach. The comfort and security which they either had, or saw with the blessing of Providence they would attain, had a striking effect on the expression of their countenances, which was happy, friendly, open, and intelligent.

I was much pleased with an Irishman's place who had been three or four years on the spot, with a large family of sons and daughters—he himself still in the full force of manhood. He lived in the social street, his farm of twenty or thirty acres cleared, being in the bush. He had built a log-house, thirty-five feet long by twenty, in the clear. The ground-floor still remained a single apartment, save that a thick green curtain screened the female sleeping-place, while the young men found their lair in the roof by a ladder. The walls were lined with bags of flour, Indian corn, pumpkins, onions, mutton or pork hams, flitches of bacon, and agricultural tools.

The sick daughter on whom I attended sat often in the fresh air before the door, much interested in the visit of the Government doctor sent from Quebec "to her and her likes". I have little fear but that by this time the green baize curtain is replaced by a strong partition of boards—or rather, I feel pretty sure that the house is a stable, and the family are occupying a new one, with sash windows and green shutters. The good looks of every member of this Irish family, their activity, the interest they took in their little world, bespoke satisfaction and rough plenty.

Two or three days before my first visit, one of the lads about thirteen years of age, was chopping fire-wood in the bush, with a much younger boy, when a large bear came out of the wood and put a fierce foot on the very log he was working at. The boy faced the animal with uplifted axe, and drove him away.

Probably the only printed description of Hawkesbury in 1819.

A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE

THE HIGGINSONS OF HAWKESBURY

PARISH OF SOWE, AND FOLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE

1. This may be considered as one area. The first entry is the will of JOHN HIGGINSON of Hawkesbury in the parish of Sowe, yeoman, dated 1622. It is as follows: Leaves to all his children not already married five shillings each. To wife Anne, 20s. To coson Thomas Higginson at Arnoll: to Brother Edmond Higginson, and Son John: son Thomas Judd Overseers—2s. 6d. each for pains. Then follows a long untotalled inventory "by George Higginson, Edmond Higginson and John Higginson"—date September, 1622.

2. Will of EDWARD HIGGINSON, of Hawkesbury, Coventry, dated 16th October, 1658:

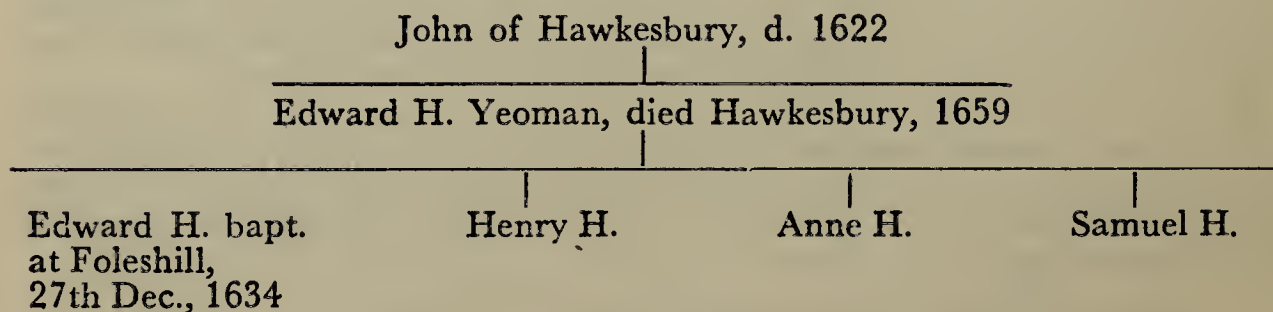
To Samuel Higginson, my second son (upon whom I have already settled a portion) various articles of bed linin etc. To Henry Higginson my youngest son £50 in money: to be paid at 21. To Anne Higginson my daughter £50 in money: to be paid at 19. Also to said Anne all the child bed lynnens that were my late wife's her mother. All his pewter, except two dishes, to Samuel, to be equally divided between Edward Higginson my eldest sonne: the said Henry and said Anne my daughter. Edward Higginson, my eldest sone to be full and sole executor. Executor to maintain and educate said Henry and Anne at his own cost until the said legacies given them shall be paid. Executor to pay a debt of £50 which I owe to Henry Jephcott of Ansty, which is secured by parts of Hawkesbury Grounds. Rest of goods, chattels, leases and estate real and personal to executor.

Sealed &c. in presence of Thomas ? , Samuel Higginson.

(Signed) Edward Higginson X

3. The parish registers of Foleshill, Coventry, contain the Baptism of an EDWARD HIGGINSON, dated 27th December, 1634. He was the son of Edward Higginson, of Hawkesbury.

This shows:



Copy of resolutions—re the building of the first School house.

HAWKESBURY

THE 11TH MARCH, 1832

We, the undersigned seeing the necessity of a proper system of education and having a desire of promoting both facility and correctness have entered into the following resolutions.

Resolved 1st: That we will build a school house on the land belonging to Mrs. Tweed, immediately on the south side of Vinegar Hollow on the road leading from the Grand river to Vankleek's Hill in the following manner.

Viz.—That we the subscribers will cut the timber, haul it and lay up the building by what is commonly called a bee, also every other part of the building on which there is no cash to be expended to be performed in the same manner.

2nd: That all parts of the house on which there is cash to be expended—the said cash to be paid by the subscribers in equal proportions.

3rd: That the government of the said school shall be in exact accordance with the act of the Legislature of this Province.

4th: That there shall be a committee appointed by the subscribers to call out the people to perform the work as occasion may require.

5th: That these articles may be altered or amended by a majority of the subscribers.

6th: That every subscriber shall by signing these articles consider himself bound to perform all things here in specified.

7th: That all donations shall be thankfully received and acknowledged by the committee.

(Signed) George Higginson
William Higginson
Alexander Taylor
John Fraser
Wm. McConnell
John McLeod

THE SHIP WHICH BROUGHT OUR ANCESTORS TO CANADA
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

General Register & Record Office
of Shipping & Seamen,
Llantrisant Road,
Llandaff,
Cardiff.

31 August, 1953.

Dear Sir :

With reference to your letter of the 10th August, 1953, the following particulars regarding the vessel "PITT" have been extracted from the records at this Office :

<i>Place and Year of Build</i>	Ulverton, 1799
<i>Owners</i>	Hugh Donaldson, Merchant James Donaldson, " David Brown " John Donaldson " William Donaldson, Physician John Hamilton, Master Mariner, all of Ayr. James Miller, farmer, of Tobertloan. John Hamilton Ayr, 19th June, 1817 William Wood, Greenock
<i>Master</i>	
<i>Port of Registry</i>	
<i>Surveyor</i>	
<i>Description of vessel</i>	
Number of Decks	Two and high quarter deck
" " Masts	Three
<i>Description of Vessel</i>	
Rig	Ship
Stern	Square
Gallery	Quarter gallery
Head	Man's Bust
Length	105 feet, 3 inches
Breadth	26 feet, 4 inches
Height between decks	5 feet, 3½ inches
Tonnage	320 tons

It is very much regretted that no other details are available which would enable you to make a model; neither is anything known of the existence of a picture of the vessel.

Yours faithfully,

J. Driscoll

for REGISTRAR GENERAL

Note: The "PITT" left Belfast May 1st and reached Quebec June 14.
The record of its arrival is in the Archives, Ottawa.

GUARANTORS

Mrs. Agnes Higginson Brock

William Higginson Dandy

Mrs. Rosemary Higginson Harries

Rev. Alexander Boyd Higginson

Mrs. John Fernie Higginson

Miss Maria Adelaide Higginson

Mrs. Norma Emmeline Higginson

Dr. Thomas Doyle Higginson

Thomas Tweed Higginson

F./L. Arthur Balfour Higginson, R.C.A.F.

Mrs. Harriet Higginson MacLeod

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Mrs. Matilda Grace Swift

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Mrs. R. W. Wood

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